

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain pending in the application with the present amendments. In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 11, 15, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,237,686 to Asano et al. ("Asano"). Applicants appreciate the indication of allowability as to the remaining claims of the application. For the reasons set forth, applicants submit that the presently pending claims are fully distinguished from Asano. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

In accordance with presently pending claim 1, a data processing system includes a processing table for each of a plurality of applications, and the processing table stores in a predetermined order, identification information regarding each of one or more processing units from which a processing result and an execution end signal are to be received. A control unit is operable to control the processing units such that an execution enable signal is sent to the one or more processing units in the order determined by the processing table for the application. The processing result and the execution end signal are also received in the order determined by the processing table for the application.

Applicants submit that these features are neither taught nor suggested by Asano. Asano neither teaches nor suggests a data processing table having a separate processing table for each application, such table identifying a processing unit for which an execution enable signal is to be sent, and from which a processing result and execution end signal are to be received.

Particular embodiments of the invention disclosed in Applicants' specification relate to image processing and coordination between processing units in responding to a processing request from an application. (See, e.g., paragraphs

[0005] and [0006]). A "drawing end" signal is an example of an "execution end signal," as described at paragraph [0032] of Applicants' specification.

As further provided in amended claim 1, the control unit is operable to output at least a part of the processing result received from the one or more processing units to a predetermined display unit, in response to receipt of the execution end signal from the one or more processing units. Clearly, Asano neither teaches nor suggests this particular feature of the present invention.

Claims 11, 15, 16 and 17 are amended herein to include similar recitations. For this reason, these claims, and all other claims which depend from them or from claim 1, are submitted to be allowable at this time.

Support for the present amendments is provided, *inter alia*, at paragraph [0095].

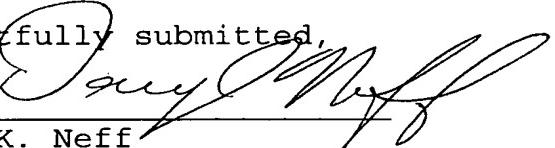
As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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